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27 28 Act of 1947. This action is also brought pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act (28 U.S.C. §2201 et seq.) in a case of actual controversy between plaintiffs and defendant, and for a Judgment that defendant pay fringe benefit contributions in accordance with its contractual obligations.

provisions of ERISA and the provisions of the National Labor Relations

- 2. Plaintiffs Boards of Trustees of the Trust Funds named in the caption (hereinafter "Trust Funds") are trustees of employee benefit plans within the meaning of \$\\$3(1) and (3) and \\$502(d)(1) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(1) and (3) and §1132(d)(1), and a multiemployer plan within the meaning of \$\$3(37) and 515 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§1002(37) and §1145. Plaintiff Duane Turner is a trustee. Trust Funds are authorized to maintain suit as independent legal entities under §502(d)(1) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(d)(1).
- 3. Plaintiffs are informed and believes and thereupon alleges that defendant, BART MILL MECHANICAL resides and does business in Shingle Springs, California. Performance of the obligations set forth therein is in this judicial district.
- Each and every defendant herein is the agent of each and every other defendant herein. Defendants and each of them are engaged in commerce or in an industry affecting commerce.
- 5. At all times pertinent hereto, defendant was bound by a written collective bargaining agreement with Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 162, a labor organization in an industry affecting commerce. The aforesaid agreement provide that defendant shall make contributions to the TRUST FUNDS, on behalf of defendant's employees on a regular basis on all hours worked, and that defendant shall be bound to and abide by all the provisions of the respective Trust

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Agreements and Declarations of Trust of said TRUST FUNDS (hereinafter the "Trust Agreements").

- The Trust Funds rely upon a self reporting system. Defendant has unique knowledge of the amounts of contributions that it is liable to pay each month, and has a fiduciary obligation to accurately report the amount to the Trust Funds.
- 7. Defendant has breached both the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement and the Trust Agreements above referred to by failing to complete and send in monthly reports and/or to pay all moneys due thereunder on behalf of defendant's employees to the TRUST FUNDS. Said breach constitutes a violation of ERISA (29 U.S.C. 1002, et seq.) and of the National Labor Relations Act of 1947.
- Defendant has failed and refused to pay its March 2007 contribution in a timely manner. Defendant has not properly paid August or September 2007 contributions to the TRUST FUNDS. Liquidated damages and interest are now due and owing. The total amount due is unknown; additional monthly amounts will become due during the course of this litigation and in the interest of judicial economy, recovery of said sums will be sought in this case.
- Demand has been made upon said defendant, but defendant has failed and refused to pay the amounts due the TRUST FUNDS or any part thereof; and there is still due, owing and unpaid from defendant the amounts set forth in Paragraph 8 above.
- 10. An actual controversy exists between plaintiffs and defendant in that plaintiffs contend that plaintiffs are entitled to a timely monthly payment of trust fund contributions now and in the future pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement and the Trust Agreements, and defendant refuses to make such payments in a timely

manner.

- 11. The Trust Funds do not at this time seek to audit the books and records of defendant. The only issue raised in this complaint is defendant's failure to complete and file voluntary monthly reports and pay the contributions due. The Trust Funds seek to obtain a judgment for any outstanding delinquent contributions based on defendant's reports and to reserve the right to audit defendant for this or any other unaudited period.
- 12. The Trust Agreements provide that, in the event suit is instituted to enforce payments due thereunder, the defendant shall pay court costs and reasonable attorneys' fee. It has been necessary for plaintiff to employ ERSKINE & TULLEY, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, as attorneys to prosecute the within action, and reasonable attorneys' fee should be allowed by the Court on account of the employment by plaintiff of said attorneys.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray:

- 1. That the Court render a judgment on behalf of plaintiffs for all contributions due and owing to the date of judgment based upon unaudited reporting forms, plus liquidated damages provided for by the contract, interest at the legal rate, reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in prosecuting this action and costs.
- 2. That the Court enjoin the defendant from violating the terms of the collective bargaining agreements and the Trust Agreements for the full period for which defendant is contractually bound to file reports and pay contributions to the TRUST FUNDS.
- 3. That the Court reserve plaintiffs' contractual right to audit defendant for months prior to judgment, and in the event of such audit, collect any additional sums which may be due.

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

1	4. That the Court retain jurisdiction of this cause pending
2	compliance with its orders.
3	5. For such other and further relief as the Court deems
4	just and proper.
5	DATED: December 13, 2007 ERSKINE & TULLEY A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
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